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SUBJECT: FLORENCE MAYOR VISIT TO DETROIT

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1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM JOHN F. MAYHEW, BUSINESS RELATIONS CONSULTANT, FORD MOTOR CO. DEARBORN, MICHIGAN:

- QUOTE ROBERT GORDON, CONSUL GENERAL, CONSOLATOR AMERICANO DEGLI STATI UNITI D'AMERICA, LUNGARNO AMERIGO VESPUCCI 38, FIRENZE, ITALY.

- REGARDING MY DECEMBER 2 LETTER TO YOU AND YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MR. NELLO GIANESSI OF FORD ITALY, AM SEEKING ASSURANCE AS YOU INDICATED TO MR. GIANESSI, THAT A VISA CAN BE OBTAINED FOR ELIO GABBUZZIANI, MAYOR OF FLORENCE TO VISIT DETROIT IN MID-JUNE FOR CEREMONIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF RENAISSANCE CITIES PROGRAM.

- AS YOU KNOW, PROGRAM INVOLVES SEVERAL PROJECTS, FIRST OF WHICH IS A PERSONNEL EXCHANGE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT AND UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, PRIMARILY INVOLVING CITY CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS.

- RENAISSANCE CITIES PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF DETROIT AND ENDORSED BY SILVIO FAGIOLO, LOCAL COUNSEL OF ITALY, AND THE RENAISSANCE CENTER PARTNERSHIP, COMPRISING 51 MAJOR AMERICAN COMPANIES, AND IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST IN THE REVITALIZATION OF DETROIT. MR. GIANESSI CAN PROVIDE FURTHER
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DETAILS.

-IN VIEW OF THE TIME ELEMENT -- THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS LITTLE MORE
THAN SIX WEEKS AWAY -- WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR ASSURANCE
CONCERNING THE VISA AND ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN RENDER. THANK
YOU. FORD MOTOR CO. JOHN F MAYHEW PARKLAND EEE PZ EEE
PARKLANE TOWERS EAST DEARBORN MICHINGAN UNQUOTE.

2. TO DATE VISA APPLICATIONS FROM GABBUGGIANI AND CAMARLINGHI
NOT YET RECEIVED AT CONSULATE. EXPECT APPLICATIONS IN NEXT
FEW DAYS.

3. FROM MOEN APRIL 7 MEMCON REGARDING HIS TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION WITH PISOR, PRESS SECRETARY TO MAYOR YOUNG, IT
APPEARS AS IF THERE HAS BEEN SOME LACK OF COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN PISOR AND MAYHEW. SUGGEST MOEN CALL MAYHEW AND
EXPLAIN SITUATION TO HIM AS BEST MEANS PROVIDING INTERIM
ANSWE MAYHEW'S TELEGRAM TO ME. GORDON

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